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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON COMPUTER POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 146948; (B) EC BRUSSELS 5472:

(C) EC BRUSSELS 5319; (D) EC BRUSSELS 4484

1. REFTEL A INFORMED ADDRESSEES THAT WE REQUESTED U.S. MISSION EC BRUSSELS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF U.S. TO EC COMMISSION REGARDING COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL POLICY PROPOSALS FOR ITS COMPUTER INDUSTRY SECTOR. THE MISSION CARRIED OUT THESE INSTRUCTIONS (REFTELS B, C, D) AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE U.S. CONSIDER MAKING INFORMAL APPROACHES ON THE SAME SUBJECT TO EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BEFORE TRANSMITTAL OF COMMISSION'S FINAL COMPUTER INDUSTRY PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (NOW SCHEDULED FOR END OF OCTOBER).

2. WE CONCUR WITH USEC BRUSSELS' RECOMMENDATION. REPRESENTATIONS TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF OUR CONCERN AND COULD IMPORTANTLY INFLUENCE FORMULATION OF EC COMPUTER POLICY SO AS TO SOFTEN ITS EFFECT ON EXPORTS OF NON-EC COUNTRIES AND THEIR COMPUTER COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS INSIDE THE COMMUNITY. WE SHOULD REINFORCE ANY RESERVATION EC MEMBERS HAVE ABOUT THIS POLICY, BUT IN DOING SO AVOID THE CREATION OF NEW DEFENSIVE REACTIONS BY THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE COMPUTER POLICY AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED.

3. ACTION:

ADDRESSEES THEREFORE SHOULD CONVEY VERBALLY TO HOST GOVERNMENTS THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE U.S. OVER PRESENT EC COMPUTER POLICY PROPOSALS, AND INDICATE U.S. HAS RAISED THE ISSUE WITH EC COMMISSION. POSTS SHOULD DRAW ON POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 5-8 OF REFTEL A, BUT ADAPT THEIR APPROACHES TO THE INDIVIDUAL SITUATION, KEEPING IN MIND COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE ON ISSUE, ITS INTEREST IN SUPPORTING EC PROPOSALS, THE POSSIBLE REACTION TO THE U.S. REPRESENTATION AND ANY SECONDARY EFFECTS
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ON EC DELIVERATIONS. U.S. MISSION EC BRUSSELS, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY EXPLAIN THESE ACTIONS TO APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIALS. PARIS, BONN, AND LONDON, IF THEY DEEM IT PRODUCTIVE, MAY REMIND HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED BY NATIONAL COMPUTER POLICIES WHICH OPERATE TO THE DETRIMENT OF U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRY COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AMONG THOSE BEING DISCRIMINATION FAVORING NATIONAL FIRMS IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND SUBSIDIZATION.

4. PLEASE REPORT REACTIONS, PLUS ANY USEFUL INFORMATION
DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO REQUEST LAST PARAGRAPH REFTTEL A.
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